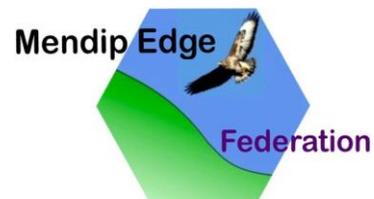




SHIPHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 2015



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and hope you all had a good summer. We welcome our new children and parents to the school, and also our new Special Needs teaching assistant Mrs Georgina Ford. We will be saying a very sad farewell at the end of September to Mrs Lynne Masny. Mrs Masny has been manning our school crossing patrol for 14 years and has been the welcome face for all our children over those years. She is leaving us for a new job and will be very sadly missed. We will be looking for a new crossing patrol person and if you are interested in knowing more about the hours and the job, please see Mrs Macleod.

We have a few dates for the coming term for your diaries, please watch out for additions to these dates over the next few weeks:

### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2015

14 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Mendip Welcome Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Rosewood Welcome Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Blackrock welcome meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> September	2.30pm Harvest Festival – St Leonards Church
25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning – Blackrock Class
5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 4.00 - 6.30
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Blackrock Class – visit to Tyntesfield, Victorian Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Family Service 2.30pm – End of Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Inset Day
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Bobble Hat Day
9 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Christmas Play
18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Carol Service – End of Term

### **PARENT MEETINGS**

We are again holding meetings for parents early in the year. These are opportunities for staff to explain classroom routines, to talk about teaching and learning of, in particular, reading, handwriting and spelling and to answer any questions you may have.

All the meetings will start as soon as possible after school and will last about 30 minutes. If you are unable to find anyone to look after your children other members of staff will be available to 'mind' them.

Mendip Class – 14<sup>th</sup> September

Rosewood Class – 15<sup>th</sup> September

Blackrock Class – 16<sup>th</sup> September

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES - SEPTEMBER**

A reminder that school lunches for Key Stage 2 are £2.50 per day. Please make cheques payable to Shipham First School for the first three weeks of the term. If you are unsure how much you owe, please speak to Mrs Macleod.

Fairlands Kitchen are holding a special day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. On this day the menu will change to:

Roast Turkey and Gravy or Cauliflower Cheese  
Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Peas

Banana Custard

### **MULTISPORTS AND FOOTBALL**

Multisports and Football will start on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. A form will be in bookbags to sign up for the coming term. Reception children are welcome to start multisports from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.



### **VOLUNTEER HELP**

We very much value help in all sorts of ways within school. If you have time either to make a regular commitment or be approached to help on special occasions, walking to and from church, please talk either to your child's class teacher or Mrs Macleod

### **Go4Kids Grant**

We were successful in gaining a Go4Kids grant of £250 which will go towards the Forest School area of the school.

## POLICIES, CONSENT FORMS AND DATA COLLECTION

Below is a list of all the documents that are now available on the website, please take time to read:

- Parent Handbook
- School aims and statutory policies
- Letter about pupil premium
- Volunteer helper sheet

Below is a list of all the documents enclosed. These should all be returned either to the office or in the mailbox by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

- Home School Agreement to be signed by parents and children
- Data collection sheet to update contacts and medical information
- Consent for off-site visits. This consent form covers all visits during the year
- After School Sports application

Thank you for your support and cooperation with these documents.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL



This year's harvest celebrations will be at 2.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at St Leonard's Church, parents are welcome to attend. We would also be pleased to see Reception children there with their parents.

Again this year we are going to support food bank in Weston and would be grateful for contributions of tins or other non-perishable items. Could these be brought into school on or before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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